

I am deeply concerned with the new media ownership limits set today.

Although I applaud maintaining the radio ownership cap, it seems that in many cases the FCC did manage to lax that rule. Take a large market where a company currently owns 7 radio stations and 1 TV station. They can now buy ANOTHER radio station, 2 more TV stations, a newspaper, and have the JSA grandfathered in. That promotes competition? That encourages ownership diversity? That protects the public interest?

Another clause that caught my attention is the fact that a company can file for a waiver in any market with 11 or fewer TV stations 2 of the top 4 stations can file for a waiver to merge. Wouldn't this apply to most TV markets? Isn't this in fact saying... "in most cases, we will consider letting 2 of the top 4 stations merge"? That seems like a huge mistake.

I support the inclusion of JSAs and JOAs in radio to count toward the ownership cap.